

SANTA CATALINA UPPER SCHOOL

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GREETINGS FROM DR. MURPHY

The recent tragedy at Virginia Tech University has led all of us at Santa Catalina to reflect on our responsibility to protect the students, faculty, and staff of our community. Last week, in the wake of this terrible incident, I spoke to the students and tried to offer them some reassurances. What was shared with them was that while there is always a possibility of violence occurring in a school, the chance that we would experience a terribly violent act like the one that occurred at Virginia Tech is very remote. And while there is no guarantee that something tragic will never happen at school, it is important to remember the difference between what is possible and what is probable.

I reminded our students that our school, in particular, provides a very safe environment. Santa Catalina School has in place a carefully detailed emergency plan that is reviewed on an annual basis and goes into effect in the event of earthquakes, fires, fallen aircraft, or any other threat to the safety of those on campus. In every classroom and office there are instructions for each of the potential emergency scenarios. The school's emergency plan allows us to get all students and adults to safe locations, to account for the whereabouts of all of our community members, and to communicate among ourselves and with the Monterey Police and Fire Department during the emergency. Mr. Oder, our Director of Emergency Planning, has provided everyone at school with a comprehensive safety plan and he and his assistant, Mr. Morton, reinforce this plan with regular drills. I congratulated our students for being very faithful in following the safety procedures. As a result, I suggested to them that, in my view, we are better prepared for emergency situations than most schools in the country. If we were ever to have an emergency here at school, we would all know to follow the procedures we have been taught. Importantly, our students were reminded that they play a crucial role in school safety and that they have a responsibility to communicate with adults. We ask them to be observant and to let a teacher know if they see or hear something that makes them feel uncomfortable, nervous or frightened.

We at Santa Catalina work to foster a community where people genuinely care for one another and are concerned for each other's welfare. This is not unimportant. Senseless violence is hard for everyone to understand and in the event that a student feels some anxiety or worry in the wake of this terrible tragedy, she knows that there are people on campus, her teachers and advisors, with whom she can talk if she feels it necessary. Also, I am certain that many of our students and adults make use of the Rosary Chapel to reflect and pray in silence during times like this. It is easy to be discouraged in the face of such violence. Sometimes the world can seem so very dark. But it is important for all of us to be reminded that there is a light in the world. And the light overcomes the darkness.

As always, but especially given the recent events, we will be reexamining, revising where necessary, and going over these safety procedures with all school personnel in the coming months. If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to be of service, please feel free to contact us. In the meantime, thank you very much and best wishes to all this last month of school.

WHAT'S AHEAD

- 5/1 Cum Laude Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
- 5/3 Santa Clara College Fair, 4:00—8:00 p.m.
- 5/5 SAT Examinations.
- 5/5 Junior-Senior Prom.
- 5/7—5/18 Advanced Placement Exams.
- 5/11—5/12 Board of Trustees Meetings.
- 5/11 ecco/Accents Concert, 8:30 p.m.
- 5/12—5/13 Retreat.
- 5/13 Sports Awards, 4:00 p.m.
- 5/16 Sister Carlotta Distinguished Service Award Presentation, 4:00 p.m., Rosary Chapel
- 5/17 Service League Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hacienda.
- 5/17 2007 Benefit Celebration Kickoff Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Service League Cottage.
- 5/18 Spirit Day/Cake Auction.
- 5/19 Evening of the Arts, 8:00 p.m., PAC.
- 5/24 Senior Transition Day.
- 5/24 Seniors to Disneyland, 3:00 p.m.- return 5/25.
- 5/25 Junior Leadership Day.
- 5/26 Yearbook Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- 5/29—6/1 Final Exams.
- 6/1 Prize Day Assembly, 4:00 p.m.
- 6/1 Class Night Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/2 SAT Examinations.
- 6/2 Baccalaureate Mass, 9:00 a.m.
- 6/2 Commencement Exercises, 2:00 p.m.

For more School Calendar information, please see our online calendar at www.santacatalina.org/calendar.

End of School Year Information

For those enrolled in AP courses, Advanced Placement exams will take place beginning Monday, May 7th and conclude on Friday, May 18th. Our final examinations begin the week of May 28th. Santa Catalina's Prize Day is at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1st in the Performing Arts Center with Class Night activities to follow. And, of course Saturday, June 2nd, is our Graduation ceremony with the Baccalaureate Mass starting at 9:00 a.m. and Commencement beginning at 2:00 p.m.

PARENTS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS

As you know, the Santa Catalina Junior-Senior Prom will occur Saturday, May 5 at Rancho Cañada Golf Club. Prom begins at 9:00 p.m. and continues until 1:00 a.m. The event will be chaperoned by Santa Catalina faculty. All those attending the Prom are expected to arrive and check in with the chaperones no later than 9:30 p.m., and all must remain until midnight. Couples may then choose to remain for the next hour until 1:00 a.m. and enjoy the continued entertainment of dance music and game tables. No one may come and go from the Prom prior to midnight or between midnight and 1:00 a.m.

There are no other School-sponsored or School-chaperoned events connected to Prom, only the Prom itself at Rancho Cañada. Resident students who are not spending the night with their own families are expected back on campus by 12:30 a.m. or by 1:30 a.m. depending upon whether or not they wish to remain at the Prom until 1:00 a.m. On prom night no overnight permission is given to a resident student except to stay with her own parents on the Monterey Peninsula. That is, in Monterey, Pebble Beach, Carmel, or Pacific Grove. Resident students may not drive home after the Prom if "home" is beyond one of these areas and/or requires significant highway driving.

As you are certainly aware, prom nights continue to be a significant worry for schools and for parents. For us as for others, the hope is that the evening will be both fun and safe for all involved. We will talk with the juniors and seniors regarding the expectations for arrival and departure times, and we will talk with them specifically regarding concerns for the use of alcohol and/or drugs. We will caution them about the dangers of substance use and driving, and we will encourage them, should they find themselves in a difficult or dangerous situation, to call their parents for help, or to call any adult at school for help. We will emphasize that your first concern and ours is their safety and that it is essential to use good judgement.

In the process of attempting to forestall any difficulties, we will also explain very clearly the School's policy regarding the use of alcohol and/or drugs, regarding the unchaperoned rental of hotel rooms, or the unchaperoned use of a private home at any time on the evening of the Prom. A student will be subject to serious disciplinary proceedings at School should it come to our attention that she has used alcohol and/or drugs. This policy applies also to any student who organizes or attends an unchaperoned gathering at a hotel or private home. Any student specifically responsible for organizing such a gathering will be particularly at risk regarding her standing at Santa Catalina. This policy applies to every Santa Catalina student who attends the Prom or who, even though she has not attended Prom, might later join such a gathering. It applies to the entire night of the Prom and to a day student as well as a resident whether she be staying on campus, or with her parents.

We are most grateful to the Junior Class for their hard work and their wonderful spirit in sponsoring and arranging a memorable event for their friends. It is our hope that all will move ahead smoothly and uneventfully and that this Prom will be one which we will all remember happily.

Very sincerely,
Sister Christine

Assistant Head of School

SENIOR TRANSITION DAY/DISNEYLAND/ JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

On Thursday, May 24th seniors will be involved in the Senior Transition Program. This is a full school day which we will devote to the transition seniors will face moving on to college. The day will provide seniors with a realistic view of college and some strategies with which to deal with this new environment. To begin the day, seniors will participate in a presentation from ExecutivEdge of Silicon Valley. ExecutivEdge principal partners and co-founders Michele Kremen Bolton, Ph.D. and John W. Baird, Ph.D., each have nearly 20 years of coaching experience and are both Emeritus Senior Professors in the College of Business at San Jose State University. Their presentation emphasizes leadership skills, team building, and career transitions. Along with these two speakers, seniors will also have a presentation from *Making it Count*. The 50 minute presentation "gives seniors the tips and tools they need to have a successful transition from high school to college, such as how to manage their time effectively, how to master their finances and avoid credit card debt and how to choose the career path that is best for them." The speakers will work with seniors using the Meyer's Briggs Type Indicator test to determine personality types, as well. At 2:00 p.m. seniors will sit for the formal senior graduation picture, and will then depart for the annual Disneyland trip at 3:00 p.m.

Also, our Junior Leadership Day will be held on Friday, May 25th. This day will involve the class in a series of exercises in anticipation of becoming seniors.

We look forward to a great experience with both classes.

INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION WEEKEND

Please note that all resident students are expected to remain at school on Saturday, June 2nd through the Baccalaureate Mass. The Mass is one we all share as a gift to the seniors and for which the resident students are the choir. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 10:15 a.m. A 12:00 noon departure, as indicated on the annual calendar, will allow plenty of time for necessary flights. A freshman, sophomore, or a junior may remain on campus overnight on Saturday in order to accommodate early morning travel plans on Sunday; however, parents of these students must contact Ms. Solt in advance to arrange these plans.

Additionally, because of the numerous activities and responsibilities of the students on Friday, June 1st, we are unable to receive guests on the campus overnight on that evening. If this poses any difficulty for a day student's attending Class Night activities, please call Ms. Solt at 831.655.9369.

SERVICE LEAGUE LUNCHEON

Please join the Service League for their annual luncheon in the Hacienda Courtyard on May 17th at 12:30 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity to dine al fresco with friends before summer vacation begins. The event is \$15.00 per person; please RSVP to Ann Patterson by telephone at 831.622.9022 or by email at carmelann@sbcglobal.net.

SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE UPDATE

The following is a list of colleges and universities where our senior students have been accepted, to this point.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY	U MASSACHUSETTS
AMERICAN U	MCDANIEL
AMHERST	U MICHIGAN
ANNAPOLIS	MICHIGAN STATE
U ARIZONA	MIDDLEBURY
ARIZONA STATE	U MISSOURI
ART INST CHICAGO	MT HOLYOKE
ART INST SEATTLE	NYU
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS	UNC-ASHEVILLE
BABSON	NC STATE
BAYLOR	NORTHEASTERN
BIOLA	NORTHERN ARIZONA
BOSTON COLLEGE	NORTHWESTERN
BOSTON UNIV	OCCIDENTAL
U BRITISH COLUMBIA	OHIO U
BUCKNELL	U OREGON
CAL COLLEGE OF ARTS	OREGON STATE
CAL LUTHERAN	OTIS
CAL POLY-POMONA	PACE
CAL POLY SLO	U PACIFIC
CSU: CHICO, FRESNO, FULLERTON,	PARSONS
HUMBOLDT, LONG BEACH, MRY BAY,	U PENN
S DIEGO, S FRAN, S JOSE, SOMONA	PEPPERDINE
U CALIF: BERKELEY, DAVIS, IRVINE, LA,	PITZER
MERCED, RIVERSIDE, S DIEGO,	POMONA
S BARBARA, S CRUZ	U PORTLAND
CANISIUS	PRINCETON
CARNEGIE-MELLON	PUGET SOUND
CHAPMAN	REDLANDS
U CHICAGO	U RICHMOND
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT U	RICHMOND (ENG)
CLARK	ROCHESTER
COLBY	SACRED HEART
COLGATE	U SAN DIEGO
U COLORADO	U SAN FRANCISCO
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	SANTA CLARA
CORNELL U	SCHOOL MUSEUM FINE ARTS
DEPAUL	SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS
DICKINSON	SEATTLE
DOMINICAN	SMITH
DREW	USC
DREXEL	SOUTHERN METHODIST U
DUKE	STANFORD
EMERSON	ST LEO
EMORY	ST LOUIS U – MADRID
FRANKLIN (SWITZ)	ST MARYS
GEORGETOWN	ST OLAF
GETTYSBURG	STONEHILL
GUILFORD	SYRACUSE
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	TEXAS CHRISTIAN U
HARTWICK	TRINITY (CT)
HARVARD	TUFTS
HOFSTRA	TULANE
HOWARD	VANDERBILT
IOWA	VASSAR
IOWA STATE	VILLANOVA
ITHACA	U VIRGINIA
LAKE FOREST	WAGNER
LEHIGH	WAKE FOREST
LEWIS & CLARK	WASHINGTON U
LOYOLA-CHICAGO	U WASHINGTON
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT U	WHITMAN
MACALESTER	WHITTIER
U MARYLAND	WILLIAMS
MARYMOUNT PALOS VERDES	

MATHLETICS COMPETITION

A special congratulations goes to Sarah Cosseboom for placing 3rd in the Math Analysis division, to Lucy O'Leary for placing 1st in the AP Calculus AB division, to Kathryn Balestreri for placing 2nd in the AP Calculus AB division, and to the Catalina AP Calculus AB team (Lucy O'Leary, Kathryn Balestreri, and Christine Woo) for placing 1st in the team competition. The awards for competition were as follows:

Geometry:	Math Analysis:
Dah Kyung Kim (Honorable Mention)	Sarah Cosseboom (3rd Place)
Hannah Kim (Honorable Mention)	Haley Johnson (Honorable Mention)
Ilene Kim (Honorable Mention)	Devan Kennifer (Honorable Mention)
Algebra II:	AP Calculus AB: (Catalina Team - 1st Place)
Agnes Cho (Honorable Mention)	Kathryn Balestreri (2nd Place)
Lottie Dowson (Honorable Mention)	Lucy O'Leary (1st Place)
	Christine Woo (Honorable Mention)

CUM LAUDE INDUCTEES 2007



Back row: Carolyn McBride, Lucy O'Leary, Annalise Moberg, Devan Kennifer, Onnolee Keland. Front row: Christine Woo, Lexi Dauernheim, Kelley Trapp, Kathryn Balestreri, Kelly Sawyers. Not pictured: Lauren Rice, Noel Kim

SCS SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR FINALIST



The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Senior Samantha Wai has earned semifinalist status in the competition, selected as one of 550 semifinalists from across the country to advance to the final round of competition. This year, nearly 2.8 million graduating high school seniors comprised the initial pool from which approximately 2,700 students were identified as candidates. The semifinalists were chosen from this group. Congratulations to Samantha for her outstanding achievement.

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM RESULTS

Level 1: Maxima Cum Laude certificate, silver medal – Francesca Faris
Cum Laude certificate – Caitlin McCann

Level 2: Maxima Cum Laude certificate, silver medal – Emma Wells, Agnes Cho

Level ¾ Prose: Summa Cum Laude certificate, gold medal – Jade Lichaucó
Maxima Cum Laude certificate, silver medal – Hayley Berra, Ila Foley
Cum Laude certificate – Tara Johnson

Level ¾ Poetry: Cum Laude certificate – Onnolee Keland



Back row: Ila Foley, Franny Faris, Onnolee Keland, Tara Johnson, Haley Berra, Caitlin McCann. Front row: Jade Lichaucó, Emma Wells, Agnes Cho.

2007 BENEFIT CELEBRATION KICKOFF MEETING

The 2007 Benefit Celebration (aka Wine Auction) Kick-Off meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the Service League Cottage. Everyone is welcome to attend as committees will be formed at this meeting. If you are interested in volunteering but cannot attend the meeting, please call Ann Patterson at 831.622.9022 or Diane Simmons at 831.622.0856. We look forward to seeing you on May 17th.

OPTIONAL MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATION

On May 22 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. we will offer an optional meningococcal immunization to students of the Upper School. We have been encouraged by the Visiting Nurses Association to provide this service for all students, resident and day. Included in this mailing is a letter from Andrea Zoodsma, RN, two pages of "Frequently Asked Questions" regarding Meningococcal Disease, and a "Prepayment/Consent Form."

If you wish to have your daughter immunized here on May 22, please complete the "Prepayment/Consent Form" and return it with your check in the amount of \$130.00 made out to "VNA." Please return your check and the form to the following address:

Santa Catalina School Health Center
1500 Mark Thomas Drive
Monterey, CA 93940

SCS DESIGNATED AS "GOOD NEIGHBOR" BY THE SALVATION ARMY

Dr. Murphy, Head of Upper School, recently received notification from the Monterey Peninsula Corps of the Salvation Army that Santa Catalina School has been designated as one of 32 notable recipients of their 2006 Good Neighbor Award. Thanked specifically for "(their) exceptionally generous and compassionate help of people in need on the Monterey Peninsula," SCS community service participants were invited to a special luncheon in honor of all the "Good Neighbors" on the peninsula. Attending the luncheon with Dr. Murphy were Laurel Nunga, Lisa Mulligan, Gigi Cleveland, Jenny Williams, Onnolee Keland, Taylor Pate, Alena Walker, and Stacey Rotta, Coordinator of Community Service and Religious Studies Instructor at SCS.

SCS INSTRUCTOR PUBLISHED NATIONALLY IN *THE SEWANEER REVIEW*

English Department Instructor Simon Hunt has recently been published in *The Sewanee Review* (of The University of the South), America's oldest



continuously published literary quarterly. Three of Mr. Hunt's sonnets ("Divorced," "Geometry," and "Mojave Science") grouped together under the title "In Reckless Play," were published in the Winter '07 edition of the magazine, which in the past has made accessible the works of writers such as Flannery O'Connor, Robert Penn Warren, Hart Crane, Anne Sexton, Cormac McCarthy, and James

Dickey. Congratulations to Mr. Hunt in his literary endeavors.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Every Parent Counts! Annual Fund Update

Thank you to Upper School Parent Fund Committee volunteers Mariana Avalos-Feehan, Robert Gould, Gary Kihs, John Krasznekewicz, and Rosee Trapp who lent their time to remind parents of the importance of the Annual Fund. Thank you to all who have responded with your support. Your contribution provides the programs and opportunities that set our school apart. If you have not yet taken part in the Annual Fund, it's not too late. Contact the Development Office, at 831.655.9379, for more information. *Every Parent Counts!*

HONORING SEÑORA ROMERO

Beloved Spanish Department instructor Señora Argelia Romero will be retiring from her 45-year career at Santa Catalina School in June of this year. As the inaugural recipient of the Sister Carlotta Distinguished Service Award in May of 2005, Señora



Romero was described by Sister Claire in the presenting of the award with the following words: "Her strong faith, ever-present in the classroom and out, serves as a gentle but unflagging reminder that each of us at Santa Catalina is called to serve

our fellow human beings with respect, dignity, and compassion."

Santa Catalina School has been blessed to be a part of Senora's life for the past 45 years. She will be greatly missed by both faculty and the many students she has taught, and we wish her a wonderful retirement.

SCS STUDENTS PLACE WELL IN STATE THESPIAN COMPETITION

A group of Santa Catalina students made the trip to Southern



California last week to compete in the annual state thespian conference. Junior Camila de la Llata (pictured left) won 2nd place statewide for Solo Musical and earned a Superior rating in Solo Musical Theatre, while Jade Johnston earned a Superior rating for Musical Theatre Dance, Alex Heiskell earned a Superior rating for Pantomime, and Daniela Sanchez was cast in the All State Show.

Congratulations on their fine achievements!

SCS STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Good luck to Catherine Lentini and Brennah Montague, who qualified for the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Finals by winning a class at the Zone finals. Catherine will be competing in the J/V Novice over fences; Brennah will be competing in J/V Novice on the flat. The competition will be held April 27-29 at Lake Erie College in Ohio.